Colorado Assessment Tool Project

June 26 2014 Stakeholder Meeting

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We're Listening

Check-in and Check-up

→Revisit your input to date

→Gather new input

→Realign project approach

New Information

- State staff and stakeholders already engaged in active discussions about systems change efforts

- Appears more important to use the resources allocated to the White paper to catalogue the change efforts that are in process and identify the potential impact of the new assessment process

Today we will…

- Identify aspirations and concerns

- Identify areas for improving the process

- Discuss workgroup purpose

- Review the State requirements for a new tool

- Discuss a revised work plan

Worst / Best Case Scenario

- Group exercise

- Worst case scenario
  - Everyone must participate
    - Your ideas will help us understand your concerns

- Best case scenario
  - Everyone must participate
    - Your ideas will help us understand your aspirations

What can we do to improve the Stakeholder Process?

→What information do you need?

→How do you want it presented?

→When do you need it by?

→What do we need to do?

Workgroup Purpose

→Share concerns and aspirations with a new assessment process

→Share advice and innovation in the design of new assessment process

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How the State will respond

→Develop alternatives that directly reflect concerns and aspirations

→Incorporate advice and recommendations into decisions

→Provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision

Why we need a new tool

→Person Centered Planning

→Support Planning

→Reliability

→Support Consumer Direction / Employment

Things to consider

→Community Living Advisory Group

→Olmstead Plan (Community Living Plan)

→Community First Choice

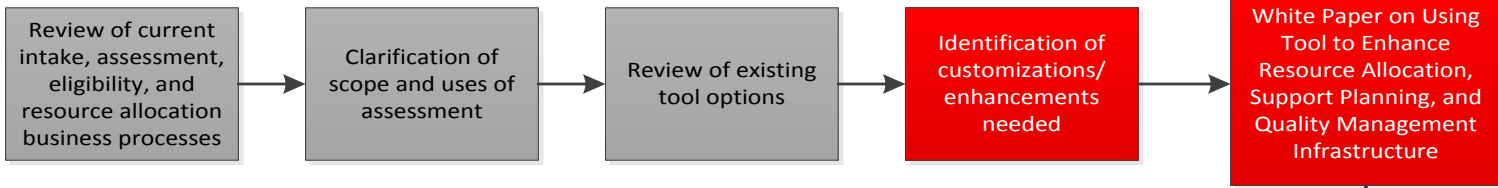→Medicaid Interchange (90% Federal Match for Automation)

Original Scope

- Provide background about assessment tools and processes

- Develop and pilot tools

- Develop presentations and white paper on how the tools could be used to enhance further systems change
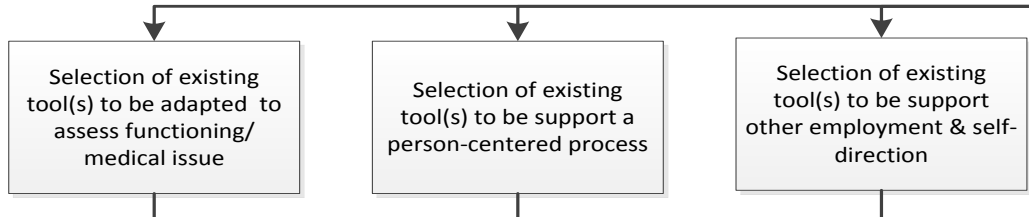
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Approach for Selecting and Testing New Colorado Assessment Tools

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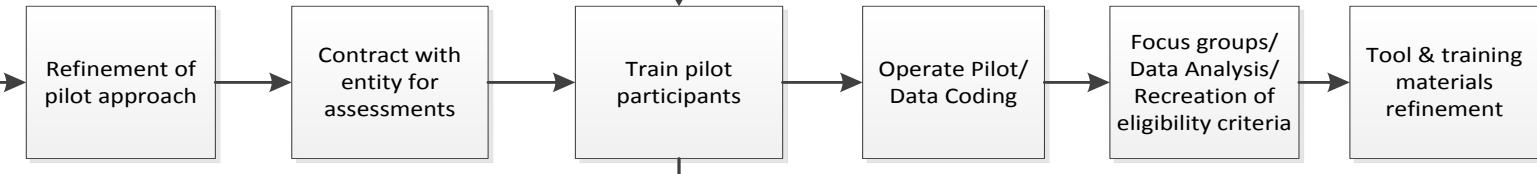
Laying the Groundwork for the New Assessment Process

- Review of current intake, assessment, eligibility, and resource allocation business processes
- Clarification of scope and uses of assessment
- Review of existing tool options
- Identification of customizations/ enhancements needed
- White Paper on Using Tool to Enhance Resource Allocation, Support Planning, and Quality Management Infrastructure

Selection of Existing Tools to be Adapted

- Selection of existing tool(s) to be adapted to assess functioning/ medical issue
- Selection of existing tool(s) to be support a person-centered process
- Selection of existing tool(s) to be support other employment & self-direction

Tool Development

- Determination of processes for piloting
- Development of Assessment Tool
- Development of Training Materials

Cross-tool Comparison Testing

- Refinement of pilot approach
- Contract with entity for assessments
- Train pilot participants
- Operate Pilot/ Data Coding
- Focus groups/ Data Analysis/ Recreation of eligibility criteria
- Tool & training materials refinement

Development of Implementation Plan and Resource Requirements

- Determination of functional capabilities for automation
- Automation approach and resource requirements
- Draft guidance for Medicaid Infrastructure Technology (MITA) Vendor
- Summary Report Written for Decision Makers
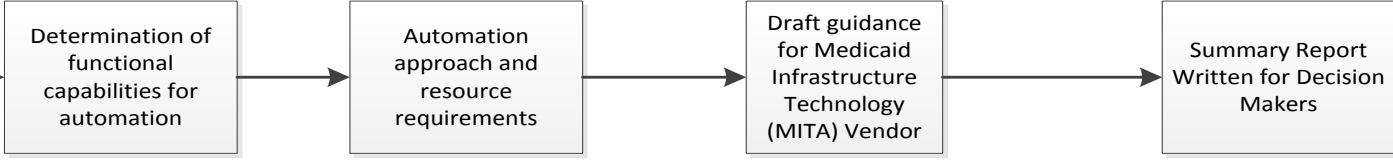
White Paper

- Original scope envisioned laying out how the new assessment tool could be used to enhance resource allocation, support planning, and quality improvement

New Approach to White Paper

- New approach will:
  - Clarify principles that should guide systems improvement
  - Identify the goals of the systems reform effort
  - Determine where current systems redesign efforts fit
  - Layout the major areas where the delivery of HCBS will need to change to achieve the goals

Preliminary Areas to be Address by HCBS Systems Change Concept Paper:
Paper will discuss potential impact of the assessment process for each area

Support Delivery Principles	Goals for Reforming Support Delivery	Current Program Redesign Effort	Changes to HCBS Operations
Person-centered System	Increase Flexibility of Services	Waiver Simplification	TBD
Maximum Participant Control over Services	Participants' Goals and Preferences Drive the Selection of Supports	Community First Choice	
Equitable Distribution of Resources	Conflict-free Assessment & Support Planning	Single-Entry Point Redesign	
Services with Demonstrated Effectiveness	Facilitate Employment	Assessment Tool	
	Efficient and Effective Cost Control	Complying with new CMS HCBS Rules	

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Proposed Work Plan for Paper

Task Name	Start	Finish
Paper outlining a High-level Vision for using Assessment Tool as part of Broader HCBS Systems Reform Effort	**6/30/14**	**10/22/14**
Conference calls with representatives from various systems change efforts	6/30/14	7/11/14
Deliverable: Presentation outlining draft Vision incorporating decisions for related systems change efforts	7/14/14	8/1/14
Present draft approach and obtain State and stakeholder feedback	8/4/14	8/6/14
Deliverable: Revised outline	8/7/14	8/20/14
Obtain State and Stakeholder input	8/21/14	9/17/14
Deliverable: White Paper that describe high-level vision for how assessment tool will support improving HCBS in Colorado	**9/18/14**	**10/22/14**
Draft paper	9/18/14	10/1/14
Obtain and incorporate State feedback	10/2/14	10/22/14

Feedback?

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